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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes Sir.

(*b*) An extent of 1,000 acres of unreserved land belonging to Revenue Department, in Poondi village of Kodaikanal taluk has been ordered to be transferred to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research free of cost.

(*c*) The lands have not been taken possession of by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

(*d*) The British and European breeds of sheep are intended to be maintained at this sub-station.

SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER : Sir, may I know whether this farm will be run by the Government of India or by our Animal Husbandry Department and also whether the special breeds of sheep mentioned in the answer to clause (*d*) of the question will be reared in that farm?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This will be run by the Government of India. The Government of India propose to have sub-centres also for the Central Sheep Breeding Research Institute. The objective of the Institute is to undertake Fundamental Research in production of sheep and wool in relation to land utilisation, studies in wool technology in relation to production, quality and processing, studies in the production of improved mutton-producing breeds or types, acclamatisation studies of imported sheep breeds, education of research and extension workers in the field of sheep and wool production and also education of flock-owners in accepted production methods.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : May I know whether this will be under the control of the Government of Madras or it will be separately run by the Government of India.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It will be run by the Government of India.

SRI S. NAGARAJA MONIGAR : வெள்ளாடுகளை காடுகளில் விடுவதில்லையென்றாலும்கூட, இந்த இனம் வளருவதற்கு வேறு எந்த வகையிலாவது திட்டமிடப்பட்டு இதிலே சேர்க்கப் பட்டுள்ளதா ? அல்லது அதற்கான தனித்திட்டம் இருக்கிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இது வேறு விஷயம். இது பிரிட்டிஷ் ஐரோப்பிய ஆடுகள் வளர்ப்பதைக் குறித்தது. அதிலே ஆராய்ச்சியும் செய்வதுதான் இந்தத் திட்டம்.

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*2272 *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : கனம் நிதி அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) வடாற்காடு மாவட்டம், ஆரணி தாலுகா, கஸ்தம்பாடி பஞ்சாயத்து யூனியன் கவுன்சில் எந்த இடத்தில் ஆரம்பிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது ?

(இ) இதைக்குறித்து ஆட்சேபணைகள் வந்தனவா ?

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(உ) அப்படியாயின், அவைகளின்மீது எடுக்கப்பட்ட நட வடிக்கை என்ன?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) Sir, the Kasthambadi Panchayat Union is provisionally functioning at Kunnathur.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter is under examination.

Engineering Courses (admission)

* 2273 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Harijan applicants to the Engineering Course during the last year and this year from each district; and

(b) the number selected from each district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) & (b) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Chemical manures (permits)

* 2274 Q.—SRI M. K. SOMASUNDARAM (on behalf of SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to allow the Panchayat Presidents and Block Development Officers to issue permits for the purchase of chemical manures instead of the Revenue Officials; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Rest houses (Ennore)

* 2275 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to construct rest houses for public and foriegn visitors in the vast land between Buckingham Canal and the sea-shore after Ennore at about 15th mile near Pulithivakkam alias Kamaraj Nagar to develop it as a public health or picnic resort?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: No, Sir.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Are the Government aware of the fact that this vast stretch of land which is in between the Buckingham Canal and the sea-shore, is having a salubrious climate which has been praised by foreign tourists but it is being kept waste and if so, would the Government take any steps to improve that area by laying proper communications to reach that area?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: There is no immediate proposal to develop this area. But the hon. Member may be aware that we are trying to develop the area between Kovalam and Mahabalipuram and after that is achieved, perhaps this may be considered.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on page 608 infra.